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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/005,647; Filed: December 7, 2001
For: **Glucuronyl C5-Epimerase, DNA Encoding
the Same and Uses Thereof**
Inventors: Jalkanen *et al.*
Our Ref: 1708.0280002/MAC/MBT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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2. A listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449;
3. Copies of the cited documents (AL1-AS6); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

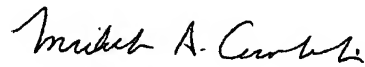
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Sir:

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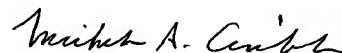
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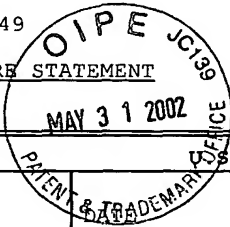
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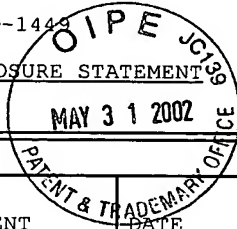
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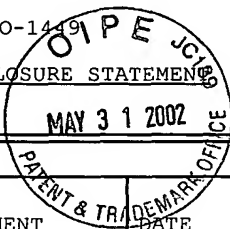
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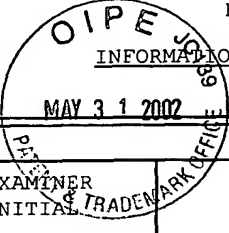
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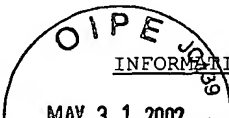
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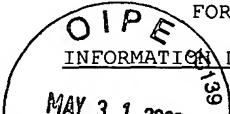
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